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didn't want to keep alive that could be used for various purposes, that you would come to me toward the end and say, let's do it differently, and at that time I'd say, no, you need to be taught some hard lessons. You need to understand hardball politics, and when that moment comes and the pressure is on and the time is running out I'm going to say no. That's what I said and I can get the transcript if you don't believe me, and most of you all didn't pay attention because you don't pay attention. And the only time I have any significance in your life is when I do what I said I^{1} m going to do, promised you I would do. And you all challenged me. You say, do your worst, we're going to do what we want to do today. Well, you did what you wanted to do that day. Well, now the time has come for me to $\,$ do $\,$ what $\,$ I $\,$ want to do. And I'm going to do it because I tipped you off to what it would be. And it's like this every single session, and haven't changed, and I'm not going to change. Legislature, as an institution, does not function the way that I think it should, and the way the rest of you, most of you, know that it ought to function. If we commanded the respect as an institution that we should, the Governor wouldn't be telling us, and putting all of you all in terror, that if you send a...a tax increase over here I'm going to veto it unless it's the one tax increase I want, which is to stick a certain small group of people. Then you all start running around like he's your daddy, and you've got to do what he told you to do. And how am I going to have respect for the body as a whole, collectively, when see one man who's not even in the Legislature terrify you like Senator Beutler, when we were on the rules, talked about "gatekeeper" and should it be somebody who's not elected by the body, meaning me. It shouldn't be me. I shouldn't tell the body how things are going to be done, it should be the Speaker, who is voted on by everybody. Well, my feeling is that somebody outside the Legislature shouldn't terrify you. If you're going to be terrified, it should be by one of your own colleagues. And I'm trying to do that as a favor to my colleagues. I'm trying to help you all. It's for you all that I sacrifice myself as selflessly as I do time after time. Do I concern myself with how people react to what I say? Well, no, not Do my colleagues concern themselves with how I feel about things? No. That's why we reached the situation we're in now. I have some more motions and I intend to run them.